

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FILING APPLICATION UNDER RULE 53(b)**

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a continuation/☒ divisional of the pending prior PATENT APPLICATION of:  
Inventor: SCHNEIDER et al  
Serial No. 09/204,067  
Filed: December 3, 1998  
For: **AUTOMATIC LIQUID INJECTION SYSTEM AND METHOD**  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231  
Sir:

Atty Dkt.: 1889-33  
C# M#  
Date: May 22, 2000  
Group: 3763  
Examiner: Thanh

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This request for filing under Rule 53(b) is made by the following named inventor(s) (using the above-identified title):  
Inventor(s): SCHNEIDER et al

- ☒ Attached is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed including the specification, claims, Oath/Declaration and drawings (if any) and abstract (if any). No amendments (if any) referenced in the Oath or Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter.
- ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year/Filed</u>
97810947	Europe	4 December 1997
<input type="checkbox"/> certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) attached or		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> already filed on <u>December 3, 1998</u> in prior appln. no. <u>09/204,067</u> filed <u>December 3, 2000</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> already filed in _____ filed _____		

- ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

- ☒ The prior application is assigned to Bracco Research S.A..
- ☒ Power of Attorney has been granted to Arthur R. Crawford et al, Reg. No. 25,327 of Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 N. Glebe Rd., 8<sup>th</sup> Flr, Arlington, VA 22201.
- ☒ Address all future communications to: Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 N. Glebe Rd., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Arlington, VA 22201.
- ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line -- This is a division of application Serial No. 09/204,067, filed December 3, 1998, now pending, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

- ☐ "Small entity" statement of record. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.
- ☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure copendency.
- ☒ The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for the reasons stated therein.
- ☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:  
**Cancel claims 10-21 and 35-38. Attached Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement**
- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application above-referenced is considered as being part of the disclosure of this new application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

**FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED**

Basic Filing Fee		\$	690.00
Total effective claims	26 - 20 (at least 20) = 6	x \$ 18.00	\$ 108.00
Independent claims	3 - 3 (at least 3) = 0	x \$ 78.00	\$ 0.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$260.00 (ignore improper)			\$ 0.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			\$ 798.00
If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract			-( 0.00)
<b>SECOND SUBTOTAL</b>			\$ 798.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)			\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED</b>			\$ 798.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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By Atty: Arthur R. Crawford, Reg. No. 25,327

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